Draft of ABRWH Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (the Board) is very concerned with maintaining the transparency of the compensation program created by the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. In an effort to foster a fully open and honest environment for claimants and in order to allay any concerns within the stakeholder community regarding perceived or actual conflicts of interest for Board members, the Board releases the following information:

Board Member's Name and Position: Charles L. Owens

Cascade Operator United States Enrichment Corporation Paducah, Kentucky

Biographical Information: Mr. Owens has worked as a Cascade Operator at the United States Enrichment Corporation in Paducah, Kentucky since 1990. As a Cascade Operator he is responsible for operating pneumatic controls and equipment to maximize the enrichment of uranium through a gaseous diffusion process. In addition, Mr. Owens is also responsible for ensuring compliance with various policies and regulations. He is the recipient of annual attendance awards, group awards for exceeding production goals, and he was twice selected as employee of the month. Mr. Owens is also a Hazardous Waste and Materials Trainer and an Occupational Safety and Health Education Coordinator.

Waiver: Mr. Owens has been provided a waiver under 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(3), permitting him to participate in the deliberations and recommendations of the Board, because the need for his services outweighs the potential for conflict of interest. This waiver is expressly limited as described below, and will not allow participation relating to specific matters in which he has a financial or imputed financial interest. In addition Mr. Owens will remain subject to the disqualification requirements imposed by 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502 with respect to specific party matters.

Year Waiver Issued: 2005

DOE/AWE Sites Where a Conflict of Interest Exists or May Exist That Requires Recusal for specific matters, such as Site Profile Review, Dose Reconstruction Review or SEC Petition:

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